

EXHIBIT 4: Letters of Support

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August 19, 2003

STEVE HIRN

Paul Morabito, Chairman  
California Coastal Conservancy  
Attn: Jamie Schmit, Project Manager  
1330 Broadway, Floor 11  
Oakland, CA 94612-2530

RE: Application by the County of Humboldt for the "Hole in the Hammond" Trail Project

Dear Mr. Morabito:

I am writing to express my support for the application submitted by the County of Humboldt for funding construction of the last remaining section of the Hammond Trail, also known as the "Hole in the Hammond" between Murray Road and Letz Avenue.

The competition of this project has been long anticipated by Humboldt County residents and tourists alike. As a resident who has often enjoyed the scenic beauty of the Hammond Trail, I look forward to using this "link" in accessing additional portions of this coastal trail. Competition of this section of trail will greatly enhance the draw of visitors to the North Coast as well as provide opportunities for residents to utilize this coastal access.

This project is important to expanding coastal trails and access on the North Coast. I encourage the Conservancy to provide funding to complete this project. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my Eureka District Office at (707) 445-6508.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Wesley Chesbro".  
WESLEY CHESBRO  
State Senator, 2nd District

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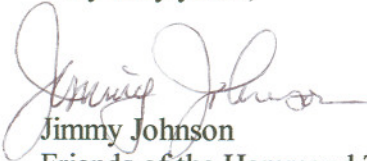
Jamie Schmit  
Project Manager  
California State Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 11th Floor  
Oakland, CA 94612-2530

Re: Application by County of Humboldt for Grant Funds for Construction of the Last Remaining Section of the Hammond Trail, known as the "Hole in the Hammond" between Murray Road and Letz Avenue.

Dear Ms Schmit:

As a representative for Friends of the Hammond Trail I fully support Humboldt County's application to the Coastal Conservancy for grant funds for construction of the remaining section of the Hammond Trail, known as the "Hole in the Hammond" between Murray Road and Letz Avenue.

Very truly yours,



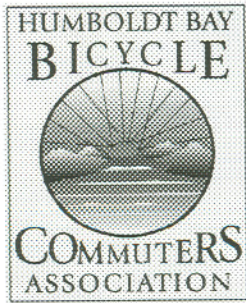
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**Our goal: To improve and encourage bicycle commuting**  
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*JS*  
Jamie Schmit  
Project Manager  
California Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Oakland, CA 94612-2530

August 11, 2003

**Re: Application by County of Humboldt for Grant Funds for Construction of the Last Remaining Section of the Hammond Trail between Murray Road and Letz Avenue**

Dear Ms. Schmit:

The purpose of this letter is to express the support of the Humboldt Bay Bicycle Commuters Association for Humboldt County's application to the Coastal Conservancy for grant funds for construction of the remaining section of the Hammond Trail, known as the "Hole in the Hammond", between Murray Road and Letz Avenue. This long-awaited section of the Hammond Trail has been a high priority of our members for several years, and will provide a continuous bicycle/pedestrian path from Clam beach to the Arcata Bottoms. Our organization fully supports this effort.

Sincerely,

*Scott Kelly*  
Scott Kelly  
President  
Humboldt Bay Bicycle Commuters Association

cc: HBBCA Board of Directors

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August 7, 2003

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Oakland, CA 94612-2530

**Re: Application by County of Humboldt for Grant Funds for Construction of the Last Remaining Section of the Hammond Trail, known as the "Hole in the Hammond" between Murray Road and Letz Avenue**

Dear Ms. Schmit:

As the Assemblymember representing this area I fully support Humboldt County's application to the Coastal Conservancy for grant funds for construction of the last remaining section of the Hammond Trail, known as the "Hole in the Hammond" between Murray Road and Letz Avenue.

The Hammond Coastal Trail is located along the central coast of Humboldt County in Northern California. It has been in the making since the 1970's and at present has an estimated visitor use of 30,000 per year. The Hammond Trail is not only a component of the California Coastal Trail but also an important amenity to the communities and visitors of Humboldt County providing a wide variety of recreational benefits. I feel the funds granted by the Coastal Conservancy would be extremely well spent on this project.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

PATTY BERG  
Assemblymember, 1<sup>st</sup> District

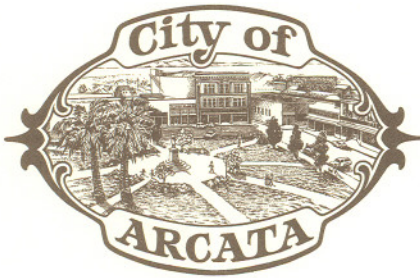
cc: Humboldt County Department Public Works

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August 4, 2003

Jamie Schmit  
Project Manager  
California State Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Oakland, CA 94612-2530

*Subject: Application by County of Humboldt for Grant Funds for Construction of the Last Remaining Section of the Hammond Trail, known as the "Hole in the Hammond" between Murray Road and Letz Avenue.*

Dear Ms. Schmit:

On behalf of the community of Arcata and as a frequent user of the Hammond Trail, I would like to extend our support for Humboldt County's application to the Coastal Conservancy for grant funds for construction of the remaining section of the Hammond Trail, known as the "Hole in the Hammond" between Murray Road and Letz Avenue.

We thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Very truly yours,

Robert J. Ornelas  
Mayor

cc: Donald C. Tuttle, Special Projects Manager, Department of Public Works, County of Humboldt

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Oakland, CA 94612-2530

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Dear Ms Schmit:

The Hammond Trail is a very heavily used recreational trail that provides alternative transportation for part of the mid-Humboldt County. I strongly urge the Coastal Conservancy's approval of a grant to connect the one remaining gap in what will be a great coast access trail system.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

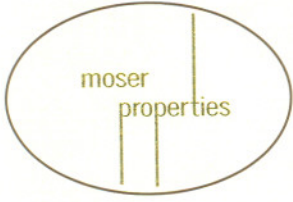
Sincerely,

Dan Hauser  
City Manager

Cc: Donald C. Tuttle, Special Projects Manager, Department of Public Works, County of Humboldt



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January 30, 2004

KAREN GEAR

Paul Morabito, Chair  
California State Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Oakland, CA 94612

Reference: Hammond Trail Project, McKinleyville,  
Humboldt County

Dear Mr. Morabito:

I am writing to express my support of the Hammond Trail Project in McKinleyville, Humboldt County, as I own property adjacent to project area. I understand that at the March board meeting, the Conservancy Board is considering approval of funding to the Redwood Community Action Agency (RCAA) for completing the engineering and design work needed to implement construction of the bicycle bypass and the Widow White Creek interpretive loop portions of the trail. This trail segment completes the link between the existing northern and southern portions of the Hammond Trail and fills in what is known as the "Hole in the Hammond."

I support the construction of the interpretive loop and bicycle bypass segment of the Hammond Trail and encourage you to provide funding for this project.

Sincerely,

Steve Moser

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**MCKINLEYVILLE**  
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January 28, 2004

KAREN GEAR

California State Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Oakland, California 94612

Subject: Widow White Creek "By Pass Trail" in Humboldt County

Attn: Chairman Paul Morabito

As the General Manager of the McKinleyville Community Services District I am writing in support of the Redwood Community Action Agency and their continuing work on the Hammond Trail in this area. While many large portions of the trail have been completed, this major gap in the trail prevents the access of pedestrians, bicyclists and runners to reach the beach areas at the Clam Beach County Park from the major residential areas in the McKinleyville area. Our agency has a number of feeder trails that connect to the Hammond Trail and it is of great interest to see this portion of the trail completed. This gap in the trail has been in the planning stages for a number of years and the many hundreds of users in the trail in our area would be delighted to see this stretch completed.

Our agency is currently developing recreational and trail facilities south of this gap and it would be a tremendous accomplishment to our area if this By Pass Trail portion could be completed. We are hopeful that your agency can provide some financial help to assist in this portion of the trail being completed.

We fully support the RCAA efforts and hope you will be able to assist our area with the very important project. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

*Thomas A. Marking*  
Thomas A. Marking  
General Manager

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January 26, 2004

KAREN CEA

Paul Morabito, Chair  
California State Coastal Conservancy,  
1330 Broadway, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor,  
Oakland, CA 94612

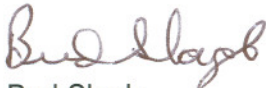
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I support the construction of the interpretive loop and bicycle bypass segment of the Hammond Trail and encourage you to provide funding for this project.

Sincerely,



Bud Slagle  
3244 Letz Avenue  
McKinleyville, CA 95519

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February 11, 2004

Paul Morabito, Chair  
California State Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Mr. Morabito,

The Humboldt County Association of Governments (HCAOG) Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) has reviewed the new routing concept prepared by the Redwood Community Action Agency (RCAA) for two trail sections designed to eliminate a gap and make the Hammond Coastal Trail 100% complete. We are very excited about this proposal because the Trail is heavily used by pedestrians, equestrians, and bicyclists for recreation and commuting in McKinleyville as well as from locations north of McKinleyville to Arcata and beyond. It provides the kind of alternative to the automobile that is badly needed to connect all the little towns and cities of the North Coast. The overall trail and completion of this missing link, also represents an important contribution to the California Coastal Trail system.

Whenever there is a plan to fill gaps in an existing heavily used trail, we feel monies would be wisely spent to complete that trail. This seems to be a wonderful way of using small projects to accomplish large projects in these days of scarce funding opportunities.

The HCAOG CAC wholeheartedly supports RCAA in their efforts to complete the Hammond Coastal Trail. We believe the proposed interpretive loop down to a low-water crossing over Widow White Creek, and the bicycle/equestrian crossing over a culverted portion of the creek would complete the Trail, as well as provide an excellent alternative to automobile travel. It would also allow pedestrians to view the creek side environment at meaningful close range.

Please consider funding this project as a high priority.

Sincerely,

Rudy Ramp, Chair  
HCAOG CAC

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February 18, 2004

Paul Morabito, Chair  
California State Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Mr. Morabito,

The Humboldt County Association of Governments (HCAOG), in its capacity as the Regional Transportation Planning Agency for Humboldt County takes this opportunity to offer our support for the Redwood Community Action Agency's (RCAA) proposal to seek grant funds for completion of the Hammond Coastal Trail. The proposed project consists of two phases totaling \$600k, which would close a gap to provide trail continuity without interruption to the user. Phase I of the project scheduled for 04/05 consists of design, engineering, surveying, and permitting (\$100k). Phase II scheduled in FY 05/06 will include construction of two walking trails adjacent to U.S. 101, and connecting to the McKinleyville area.

The Hammond Trail is heavily used by pedestrians, equestrians, and bicyclists for recreation and commuting in McKinleyville and surrounding communities. The development of multi-use facilities is consistent with our adopted Regional Transportation Plan, and has been identified as a regional priority by the Association. The elimination of this existing gap overcomes a significant barrier to enhance a most valuable community asset.

The Association would like to thank you for your consideration of the Hammond Trail Project proposal, and we look forward to working with your agency and the RCAA on this project and future trails development in our region. Do not hesitate to contact me at (707) 444-8208 if we can offer any further assistance in this regard.

Sincerely,



Spencer Clifton  
Executive Director

cc: RCAA NRS

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
**COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT**

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February 9, 2004

Paul Morabito, Chair  
California State Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Oakland, CA 94612

**RE: Hammond Coastal Trail, McKinleyville, CA, Humboldt County**

Dear Chairman Morabito:

The Conservancy is considering a request from Redwood Community Action Agency (RCAA) for funding to complete the Hammond Trail in McKinleyville. As Humboldt County's Fifth District Supervisor I am pleased to write this letter in support of the FINAL phase of the Hammond Coastal Trail and to urge your approval of funding to complete this project.

The Hammond Trail Project has a tremendous amount of community support. It is one of Humboldt County's more accessible and appreciated recreational trails; providing coastal access and interpretation for pedestrians, equestrians, beachgoers and bicyclists. It has taken many years to construct the Trail, segment-by-segment, with various financial resources and a lot of committed effort by the community.

Through the years of slow process to complete the Trail, Mother Nature has made it necessary to redesign the final connecting segment. I believe RCAA's plan to divert to an Interpretive Trail for pedestrians and a Bypass for bicycle and equestrian use is not only a sound concept but also in line with the environment.

Thank you for your consideration. Should you have any questions or require further information please feel free to call me at 707.476.2395.

Sincerely,

Jill Geist, 5<sup>th</sup> District Supervisor  
County of Humboldt

JG/kr

cc: Christopher Turner, Redwood Community Action Agency

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*(received via email March 17, 2004)*

My name is Annette Leshner. My husband, Tom, and I have been interested in the Hammond Trail for several years now. We live in the Pacific Sunset Subdivision, and Widow White Creek is our northern property line. We both use the trail on a regular basis, and appreciate it immensely.

While we are very much in favor of connecting the existing Hammond Trail segments via Murray Rd., we have serious concerns about the creek-side trail that is also proposed. We see the bike trail along Murray Rd. as a crucial connection that will enable users to enjoy the trail to its full potential with a minimum of environmental impact. The creek segment, however, is totally unnecessary, and it would be unavailable to any wheeled or equestrian users (which constitute a large percentage of current users.) It is a riparian area that, while beautiful, provides cover for transient campers and trespassers. We have had items stolen from our yard, and a "visit" from a naked man who accessed our yard from the creek area. Contrary to some claims that opening up the area would decrease such instances of negative use, we strongly believe that with the added ease of access the number of such problems would INCREASE.

Because the much-needed bike segment along Murray Road will effectively close the "hole" in the existing Hammond Trail, there is absolutely no need for the creekside segment. Why disturb one of McKinleyville's few remaining riparian zones? It is home to numerous species of wildlife, and has already been degraded due to unauthorized use. Our family has picked up litter, found old campsites, and seen bank-side erosion as a result of careless visitors.

We appreciate your careful consideration of our input, and hope there will be future opportunities to comment before plans are finalized.

Thank you for your time.

Tom and Annette Leshner  
2993 Springer Dr.  
McKinleyville, CA 95519